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February 24, 1981

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York, NY 10022



Dear Marc:

It was good seeing you again. As usual, you were a great hit in Denver.

I am especially interested in pursuing the two matters which we discussed:

- A - An ecumenic publication
- B - An Institute of Islamic-Judaic Studies

I hope that you have come to the realization by now that I have a rather good track record in fructifying ideas -- in bringing to actualization that which other people might regard as pie-in-the-sky possibilities. Unfortunately, you allowed our now internationally famous Phillips Symposia to slip away from you even though I offered you a co-partnership. Abingdon Press' publication of the three volume series emerging from the Symposia will have a major impact in the Christian world.

I am committed to bringing the two ideas about which we spoke to fruition. I genuinely hope that it will be with the partnership of the AJC. The ball is now in your court.

Admittedly, patience is not one of my greatest virtues.

Enclosed please find an article in which I am certain you will be interested.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Most cordially yours,

Dr. Stanley M. Wagner,
Director

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February 26, 1981

Ms. Lily Halpern
Director of Public Relations
The Denver Hilton
1550 Court Place
Denver, Colorado 80202

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Dear Lily,

I cannot begin to find words adequate to express appreciation for the hospitality that you accorded me during my recent visit to Denver.

As you well know, I had a terribly hectic schedule with the conferences and press but your generous thoughtfulness in making me so comfortable at the Denver Hilton made my visit to your lovely city both humane and pleasurable.

I hope there will be some way in which I can reciprocate the kindness of the Denver Hilton and your own good self in the near future.

With much appreciation, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

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August 1, 1980

Professor Frederick Greenspahn
Center for Judaic Studies
Bradford House
2258 South Josephine Street
University of Denver
Denver, Colorado 80208

Dear Dr. Greenspahn:

Thank you for your letter of July 23rd setting forth the plans for the Interfaith Conference on February 17, 1981.

This letter will serve as a confirmation of my acceptance of your invitation.

The topic of "Religion and the State" is of great interest and much meaning to me.

Let me give some further thought to how I wish to approach the theme and I will get back to you at an early date with some formulation.

I will be away on vacation during the month of August and will be in a position to respond in early September.

With warmest good wishes for a pleasant, restful, and above all, a peaceful summer,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

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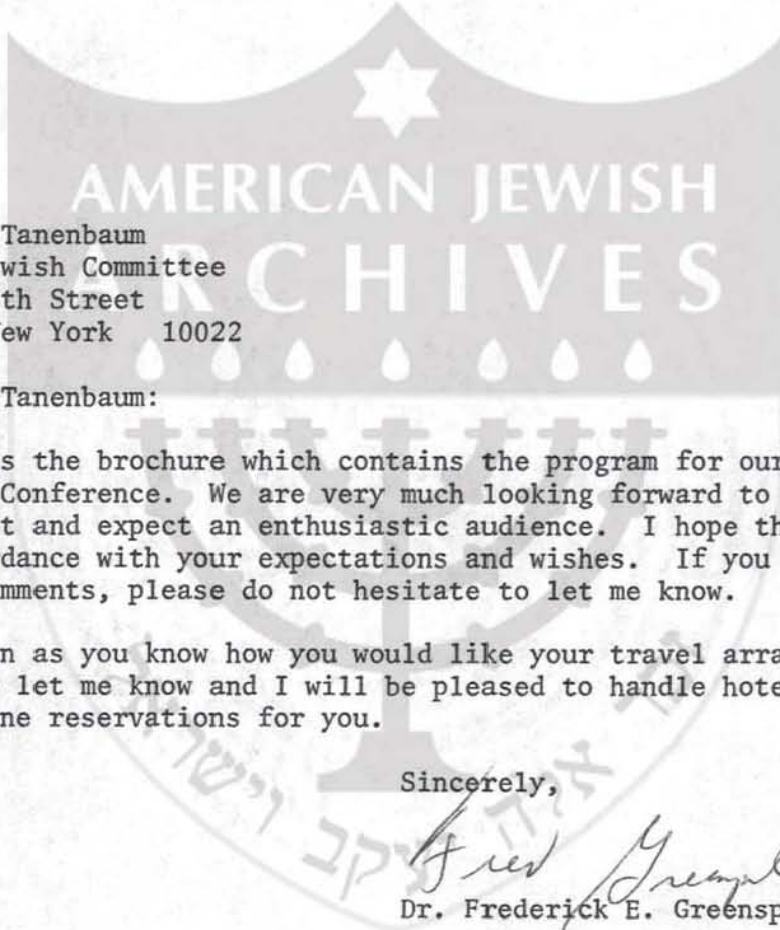
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November 14, 1980



Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Here is the brochure which contains the program for our forthcoming Interfaith Conference. We are very much looking forward to your participation in it and expect an enthusiastic audience. I hope that everything is in accordance with your expectations and wishes. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to let me know.

As soon as you know how you would like your travel arrangements handled, please let me know and I will be pleased to handle hotel and, if you wish, airline reservations for you.

Sincerely,

Frederick E. Greenspahn
Dr. Frederick E. Greenspahn

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October 27, 1980

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 E. 56th Street
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

Arrangements for the February 17 Interfaith Conference are now complete. A descriptive brochure is currently being prepared and a copy will be sent to you as soon as it is ready. Meanwhile, I would like to outline the format to help you in your preparation.

The program will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Your presentation on "Jews and the Political Process" will be the second (following Dr. Cynthia Wedel on "God or Caesar?" and preceding Sister Clare Dunn on "Ministering to the Body Politic"). As I described in my July 23 letter, we have allocated about an hour to your presentation, of which we expect 30-45 minutes to be your remarks and the remainder question and answer. The audience will be primarily local clergy although academics and laity have both been invited. In the afternoon you and the other two speakers will join on a panel in responding to the description of Evangelical Perspectives on the issue by Barbara Hargrove, a professor of the sociology of religion here in Denver; this is intended as a vehicle for the three of you to interact and for the audience to engage in discussion with you on the topic.

If you wish, we would be pleased to handle your travel arrangements so that it will not be necessary for you to await reimbursement. I will need to know which airport you prefer to use and when you wish to travel. Alternatively, please let me know what arrangements you choose to make so we can be sure to have someone here pick you up and the like. We will also take care of a room for you here once we know when you are coming; as far as returning to New York, you will be able to be at the airport by 5 p.m. if you so wish (although you are of course welcome to set your own schedule). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know. I will look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Sincerely,

Frederick E. Greenspahn
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July 23, 1980

Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 E. 56th St.
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum,

I was thrilled to learn of your willingness to take part in our planned Interfaith Conference on Tuesday, February 17, 1981. Allow me to take this opportunity to describe briefly the program.

The Interfaith Conference is an annual event, attended primarily by local clergy but with other interested individuals as well. It is sponsored by a coalition of approximately 20 groups here in Denver and brings speakers of different religious traditions together to address a specific issue from their various perspectives. I have enclosed a copy of last year's program to give you an idea of how it is all set up.

Our topic this year will be "Religion and the State" (although the exact title may be changed to something a little less imposing). The choice grows out of the perception that this issue has arisen in a variety of different forms lately - e.g. Catholic priests' exclusion from politics by the Pope, fundamentalist Protestant quasi-religious pressure groups, Jewish lobbying on behalf of Israel, abortion, parochial schools, and possibly again the issue of the draft.


We would like for you to plan on taking part in two segments of the program: First, a presentation of 30 to 45 minutes on a related subject of your choosing in which you would outline a Jewish perspective pertinent to the issue. Secondly, we intend to have the three speakers (including yourself) on a panel in the afternoon at which time all would respond to an individual topic intended to present the opportunity for discussion among the speakers as well as with the audience.

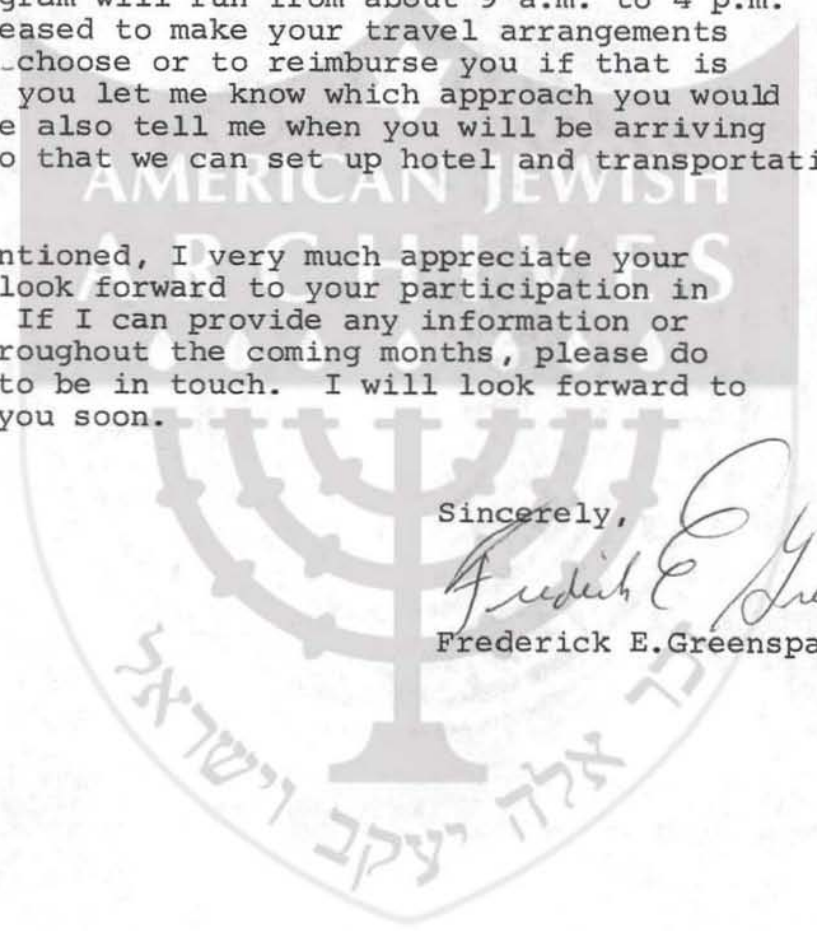
I am going to leave things a little bit vague at this point so that you and the other speakers will have the opportunity to gravitate in whatever directions you are most comfortable. I would appreciate your letting me know the title of your remarks as soon as possible. We are in the process of finalizing arrangements with the Protestant and Catholic participants; I will let you know who they are and their topics as soon as possible. I will also keep you informed of plans regarding the afternoon panel as they develop. Its main purpose is, as I have implied, to create the opportunity for discussion and interaction.

The program will run from about 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be pleased to make your travel arrangements should you so choose or to reimburse you if that is easier. When you let me know which approach you would prefer, please also tell me when you will be arriving and leaving so that we can set up hotel and transportation arrangements.

As I mentioned, I very much appreciate your interest and look forward to your participation in our program. If I can provide any information or assistance throughout the coming months, please do not hesitate to be in touch. I will look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,


Frederick E. Greenspahn



REGISTRATION

The attached registration card should be returned with payment no later than Friday, February 15, 1980, to the Center for Judaic Studies of the University of Denver. Since space is limited, reservations will be accepted on a first-come basis. Meals must be ordered in advance. Registration at the door will be permitted as space permits for the conference alone, but not for the meal.

For information write or call:

Prof. Fred Greenspahn
Center for Judaic Studies
University of Denver
Denver, Colorado 80208
(303) 753-3267, 753-2068

Please detach and return by Friday, February 15, with payment to:

Prof. Frederick Greenspahn, Center for Judaic Studies, Bradford House,
2258 S. Josephine St., University of Denver, Denver, Colorado 80208
(Telephone: (303) 753-2068, 753-3267)

I wish to register for the Conference and Luncheon. I enclose payment.

I wish to register for the Conference alone (no meal). I enclose payment.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Registration fees:
Conference and Meal \$6.50 (Students: \$4.50)
Conference Alone \$3.00 (Students: \$1.00)

Make checks payable to "Center for Judaic Studies."

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

ELIZABETH CARROLL

Sister Elizabeth Carroll, R.S.M. is presently Vice President of the Pittsburgh Sisters of Mercy and a core commissioner of the Women's Ordination Conference. She received her Ph.D. in Medieval History from the Catholic University of America and has been Professor, Dean and President of Carlow College in Pittsburgh. She is the author of The Venerable Bede: His Spiritual Teachings as well as numerous articles.

JERRY A. IRISH

Prof. Jerry Irish is Associate Professor and Chairman of the Religion Department at Wichita State University. He received his Ph.D. from Yale University. He has taught at the Yale Divinity School and Stanford University and is the author of A Boy Thirteen: Reflections on Death as well as several articles.

JACK RIEMER

Rabbi Jack Riemer is presently serving as Visiting Scholar in Residence at Congregation B'nai Amoona in St. Louis. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary and engaged in graduate study at Brandeis University. Editor of Jewish Reflections on Death he has lectured and published widely. His parable "In the End" was recently set to music and had its premiere performance at New York's Lincoln Center.

Program

INTERFAITH CONFERENCE

February 26, 1980

at

B.M.H. Congregation
560 South Monaco Pkwy.
Denver, Colorado 80224
(303) 388-4203

"DEATH AND MEANING"

- 9:00 Registration
- 9:30 Welcoming Remarks
- 9:45 "WISDOM FOR THE END OF LIFE"
Rabbi Jack Riemer
- 11:00 "A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE ON DEATH"
Sister Elizabeth Carroll
- 12:00 Luncheon
- 1:00 "IMMORTALITY - -
CONTRADICTION AND CONTINUITY"
Professor Jerry Irish
- 2:00 PANEL DISCUSSION

Professor Cecil Franklin
(Past President, Rocky
Mountain Memorial Society)

Rabbi Steven Foster,
(Chairman of Colorado State
Board of Mortuary Science)

Dr. Beau Bohart
(Executive Director,
Boulder County Hospice)
- 3:00 Conclusion

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FEBRUARY 26, 1980

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